Loss of Revenue Books of Eastern Railway

1632. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of revenue books of Eastern Railway mainly comprising excess from tickets, parcel goods and lugage tickets, inland telegram charges collecting receipts have been declared lost between 1988—1993;

(b) if so, the authority which declared these decuments lost;

(c) whether the matter was investigated by the department or by police or by CBI, if so, what are their findings; and

(d) whether the responsibility has been fixed on rail official/officials, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) A total of 48 such books have been declared lost on Eastern Railway between 1988—1993.

(b) On receipt of information of the loss of these books, a notification to this effect was issued in the Eastern Railway's Gazette.

(c) Departmental enquiry was held.

(d) Yes Sir. Responsibility has been fixed and departmental action taken against those found responsible.

Allocation for National Highway Sector

1633. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation to national highway sector is very poor;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Surface Transport has drawn the attention of the Finance Ministry thereto;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Finance Ministry thereon;

(d) whether there is a possibility of enhancement of allocation for national highway sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) It has not been possible to enhance allocations to National Highways substantially considering the priorities of Government in different sectors and overall availability of resources.

Setting up of export oriented food processing industrial units in Madhya Pradesh

1634. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda which have been received for setting up of 100 per cent export oriented and other food processing industrial units for the State of Madhya Pradesh during the post liberalisation period as on date with details thereof;

(b) the number of export oriented and other units which have so far been approved by Government with details of both the categories;

(c) whether any incentives are being provided by Government for setting up food processing units in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) is so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) As per the present Industrial Policy, intending entrepreneurs are required to file an Industrial Enterpreneurs Memorandum for setting up of units which does not require industrial licence. However, approvals are required for setting up of units with foreign equity investment in joint ventures, foreign collaborations, 100% export oriented units or units requiring industrial licence. Since liberalisation, upto June, 1995, 282 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEM) envisaging an investment of Rs. 2652 crores and projected direct employment of 43,280 persons have been filed for setting up of various food processing units in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Similarly, during this period, two 100% EOUs, one unit with foreign equity investment and 15 proposals